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INFANT'S SHIRRED DRESS WITH SIMULATED YOKE

An infant's dress made on the straight of the material must have actual fullness to provide the room needed for activity and growth. The design on the following page has four rows of shirring across the front and back, to give width and to form at the same time a simulated yoke which keeps folds of material comfortably flat under the chin. A paper pattern for this dress can be made by following the measurements on the accompanying diagram. Lines AB indicate lengthwise thread of the material.

Hand stitched French seams, $1/16$ inch to $1/8$ inch in width, are best for a baby dress. Gather the neck at front and back between shoulder seams and adjust fullness as illustrated. The finished neckline should measure about 10 inches. Narrow bias binding is an appropriate finish for the neck, sleeves, front opening and lower edge. As trim and reinforcement for the yoke, the lines of shirring may be emphasized by flat decorative stitchery.

Long sleeves should be held in at the wrist. Sew a six-inch length of narrow tape at point E and another at point F. These tapes are drawn through $1/2$ inch crocheted or buttonholed loops at G and H and tied at the back of the wrist.

The fastenings are tapes drawn through loops and tied in small bows. A twelve-inch piece of narrow twistless tape is sewed at center fold to each point C and D. To make the tapes manageable, turn the ends back $1/2$ inch, and wind firmly with embroidery thread. Make $1/2$ inch crocheted or buttonholed loops at points C' and D'. Both loops and ties should be reinforced on the under side by small squares of cotton tape.

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